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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-16-27
December 5, 2016**

**LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY OFFICE**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.30.1001 et seq., Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS). The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Altria Group Distribution Company

FACILITY NAME: Crazy Mountain Ranch Wastewater Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: East of Clyde Park, MT
386 Hammond Creek
Section 13 and 14, T2N, R10E
Park County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001 – Class I Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000123

A determination has been made by DEQ to reissue a Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit, MTX000123, to Altria Group Distribution Company for the Crazy Mountain Ranch Wastewater Facility. This permitting action authorizes discharge of treated wastewater to ground water. The scope of this permitting action is for the operation, and maintenance of the proposed wastewater treatment and disposal system.

This facility is for a design capacity of 30,000 gallons per day of treated effluent to be treated by recirculating sand filters and being discharged via pressure dosing to three underground drain fields. The system is installed and is presently being used as back up to an additional existing land application system which does not discharge to ground water.

The applicant proposes to and operate a recirculating sand filter treatment facility. The wastewater

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generated by the Crazy Mountain Ranch Waste Water facility will undergo treatment and on-site disposal. Wastewater treatment may include use of sand filtering (or similar).

The proposed facility will use subsurface structures (Outfall 001) to discharge treated wastewater to underlying groundwater. The discharge structure's proposed location is: Section 13 and 14, T2N, R10E. Latitude: 46.91187°, Longitude: -110.43597°; Park County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS January 5, 2016.

Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS January 5, 2016 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov.

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1024).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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